

Chestnut Street Grille: Family-friendly dining

New Business Profile

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Duxbury has added to its list of dining options yet again with the recent opening of Chestnut Street Grille. All in thanks to the Walker family, Chestnut Street Grille, formerly Wildflower Cafe, opened in early December providing residents a family-friendly restaurant perfect for any occasion.

Duxbury resident Michael Walker grew up in town and worked a sales job early in his career. After being “on the road all the time,” Walker wanted a job that would provide him more time at home.

“I just loved being home around town and wanted time to be with my kids and coach,” said Walker.

Walker, along with his wife, Susan, and children, Emily, Garrett, Sarah and Trent, opened Benchwarmer’s Pizza and Subs on Saint George Street in 2001. With the success he found with Benchwarmers, Walker set his sights on starting a new family-style restaurant and bar, something he felt was missing in town.

“I wanted a bar/restaurant that’s family-friendly at more moderate pricing,” said Walker. “I want a place where people are comfortable bringing their kids and everyone is on a first-name basis.”

The Walkers bought the restaurant, which was previously the Wildflower Café, from the Bissetts this past October. Walker and his wife decided to keep it a family business by partnering with their oldest daughter Emily, who took on the role of general manager.

The family completely renovated the interior, which now includes a full bar, mural of Duxbury Harbor, and even a wall of local artwork for sale. With two new chefs, Kayla Gavoni and Scott Reznich, the restaurant boasts an entirely scratch kitchen right down to the salad dressing. They offer different specials throughout the week, including buy-one-get-one-free pizzas on Mondays, kids eat free on Wednesdays, and half-priced appetizers from 3-6 p.m. on Thursdays.

“We’re really excited,” said Emily Walker. “It’s been a lot of work, but it’s going great. And it’s been nice to be back in town. Growing up here, you don’t realize how great this town is until you leave and come back.”

The restaurant is open daily from 7:30 a.m. to 1 a.m., offering breakfast, lunch and dinner. It is closed Tuesdays.



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